

Lindal and Marton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th October, 2022 at 7.30 pm. in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

Present:- Councillors A Waite; Mrs S Kelly; Mrs C Stringer; N Fleming.

Apologies:- Councillor Mrs S. Glover.

Also present: no member of the public was present.

In attendance Borough Councillor Dan Edwards

92/22 Urgent business. Items normally needing to be publicised but received too late for the agenda. (Section 100B (4) (b) Local Government Act 1972)

None.

93/22 Disclosure of interests. Requests for dispensations.

None.

94/22 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 1st September, were taken as read and APPROVED.

PROPOSED:- Councillor Fleming; SECONDED:- Councillor Mrs Stringer.

Carried unanimously.

95/22 Matters arising from those minutes.

a) 84/22 (a) It was confirmed that the tree donated by a local resident had been planted on Lindal village green.

b) 90/22 (b) The Chairman reported that he had been unable to contact the landowner regarding the overgrowing foliage but he would still be pursuing the matter.

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96/22 Attendance of officer from Cumbria Constabulary

There was no officer in attendance but details had been submitted regarding recent problems, viz:-

- One “domestic incident”
- One “road related offence” (vehicle seemingly being driven erratically)

After discussion, it was felt that the information currently being provided by the Police was somewhat sparse. It would be more helpful in advising local residents of what was affecting the community if more information could be provided whilst, at the same time, respecting the need for privacy and data protection generally. The Clerk would pursue the matter with the appropriate authorities.

97/22 Annual Assessment of Standing Orders, Financial Instructions etc.

Reference was made to minor changes to Standing Orders and the Risk Management Policy in connection with the PAYE arrangements (see minute 100/22 (c) below) and it was PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that such amended documents be APPROVED. Carried unanimously.

98/12 Planning applications relating to the Parish

None.

99/22 Correspondence.

- a) Planning applications relating to the whole of the Borough. The Clerk confirmed that the latest on-line list from Barrow Borough Council had been received and forwarded to Councillors. NOTED.

100/22 Finance

- a) Account balances:- *Current* - £50: *Festivals* - £673.12 - *Reserve* - £5482.39
- b) Payments recently made, for formal authorisation:-
 - 1) Archie Workman, maintenance, £140,
 - 2) JRB Enterprises, dog-waste bags, £41.94
- c) Request for a donation from the Great North Air Ambulance. £150 recommended.
- d) Parish Council PAYE arrangements. The Clerk reported that since the introduction of a PAYE system some years ago, to report his annual remuneration to HMRC, he had completed the on-line arrangements himself. However, recent difficulties in making the reports had led him to look to professional accountants to take on this responsibility and he had, therefore, secured the services of a local firm, JF Hornby and Co, for this task, for which no charge would be made.

It was PROPOSED by Councillor Mrs Stringer and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Kelly that items (b) and (c) be duly confirmed and authorised. Carried unanimously.

It was then PROPOSED by Councillor Waite and SECONDED by Councillor Mrs Stringer that the Council record its appreciation of the generosity shown by J F Hornby and Co, with the Clerk writing accordingly.
Carried unanimously.

101/22 Any Other Business.

a) It was reported that funds would shortly be released by the Keswick-to-Barrow Walk Committee to enable the Council to purchase a defibrillator for Marton village. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with the North West Ambulance Service regarding purchasing, installation, training etc and that he and the Chairman would assess the most appropriate site for the machine with interested residents and also investigate the requirement for an electrician for the installation.

b) The Clerk reported that he had been trying to determine, so far without any answers, whether Barrow Borough Council would be providing a Christmas Tree for Lindal village green this year, and what the situation was likely to be in subsequent years when the new Westmorland and Furness council took over in April 2023.

From the floor, Borough Councillor Edwards undertook to investigate what the situation might be regarding 2023. At the same time, he would pursue the question of parish/town elections scheduled for May 2023 and the problems involving funding, as previously referred to in September, minute 90/22 (a). In addition, he would try to clarify the practical arrangements regarding staffing and other administrative issue relating to such elections.

c) Councillor Fleming introduced a document he had received via the Cumbria Community Foundation, from Electricity North West, which announced the availability of funds to help those organisations who would be involved in responding to civil emergencies, such as flooding etc from storms. After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council need take no action at present but Councillor Mrs Stringer could follow up the matter on behalf of the Buccleuch Hall Management Committee on the basis that the Hall would, no doubt, be used in the event of a local emergency.

102/22 Date and Time of next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was AGREED as Thursday, 3rd November, 2022, at 7.30 pm in the Buccleuch Hall, Lindal.

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